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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

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9 SEA SHEPHERD LEGAL,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.  
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13 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

14 Defendant.

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16 Case No. C18-1387 JLR

17 JOINT STATUS REPORT AND  
18 ORDER

19 Plaintiff SEA SHEPHERD LEGAL (“SSL”) filed the above-captioned lawsuit  
20 under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) against Defendant U.S. DEPARTMENT  
21 OF THE INTERIOR (“DOI”), seeking disclosure of certain documents. The parties  
22 provide this status report pursuant to the Court’s January 8, 2021 Minute Order. Dkt. No.  
23 45.

24 The only remaining issue in this litigation is SSL’s claim for fees and costs. The  
25 parties have commenced settlement discussions that, if successful, will resolve the case in  
26 full without additional judicial intervention. However, the parties require an additional  
27 week as there has been some delay due to the recent change in administrations and  
28 personnel at DOI.

29 For good cause, the parties respectfully request that they be allowed to submit a  
30 joint status report on or before February 1, 2021. If at any time in the next 7 days it  
31 becomes apparent that resolution between the parties is not feasible, the parties will  
32 submit a joint briefing schedule to the Court.

1                   **SO STIPULATED.**

2                   Dated this 25th day of January, 2021.

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14                   **SO STIPULATED.**

15                   Dated this 25th day of January, 2021.

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## ORDER

## IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2021.

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JAMES L. ROBART  
United States District Judge